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APPLICANT: Banning G. Lary et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/898,867

GROUP ART UNIT: 3763

FILED: July 3, 2001 **EXAMINER:** M. A. Mendez

FOR: Method and apparatus for

sclerosing the wall of a

varicose vein

ATT'Y DOCKET: SYN-053

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper #3). As no claims have been added, and no extension fee is required, no fees are enclosed herewith.

ELECTION

The Applicant elects with traverse to prosecute the species of Figure 2, which includes Figures 3-6 and 9-11. It is believed that the following claims read on this species: 1-8, 10-34, 36, and 37.

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